

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2008 Legislative Session**

Legislative Day # 13

**BILL NO. 2008-18**

**Introduced by: Charles County Commissioners**

**WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING AIR GUN**

**Date introduced:** 09 / 17 / 08

**Public Hearing:** 10 / 28 / 08 @ 3:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Action:** 11 / 05 / 2008      Enact

**Commissioner Votes:** WC: Y, EJP: Y, RC: Y, SG: Y, GH: Y

**Pass/Fail:** Pass

**Effective Date:** 12 / 20 / 2008

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Bill No.: 2008-18

Chapter No.: Chapter 51

Introduced by: County Commissioners

Date of Introduction: September 17, 2008

**BILL**

AN ACT concerning

**WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING AIR GUN**

FOR the purpose of

Prohibiting a person from wearing and carrying of air guns concealed on a person or in a vehicle.

BY adding to,

Chapter 51. Firearms

Code of Charles County, Maryland

(XXX Edition, XXXX Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as follows:

## **Chapter 51. FIREARMS**

### **§ 51.1. General regulations concerning air guns.**

A. Definitions. In this section "air gun" means a small-caliber weapon, either a handgun or a shoulder weapon, from which pellets, bullets or darts are discharged by the expanding force of compressed air or gas [carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)]. The term includes air guns called "air rifles," "BB guns," "gas guns," "spring-operated guns" and "air pistols."

B. Operation restricted. (1) No person shall discharge any air gun within five hundred (500) feet of any home or residence other than his own; any school or school grounds, whether private or public; any church or church grounds; any place of public assembly; or any public park or playground within the county.

(2) NO PERSON SHALL:

(i) WEAR, CARRY, OR TRANSPORT A CONCEALED AIR GUN, ON OR ABOUT THE PERSON;

(ii) WEAR, CARRY, OR KNOWINGLY TRANSPORT A CONCEALED AIR GUN, IN A VEHICLE TRAVELING ON A ROAD OR PARKING LOT GENERALLY USED BY THE PUBLIC, HIGHWAY, WATERWAY, OR AIRWAY OF THE COUNTY.

C. Applicability of provisions. This section shall not prohibit the owner or tenant of any land from discharging any air gun on his land for the purpose of the protection of his own property or the life of himself or his family or killing predatory animals which prey upon, damage or destroy his property, livestock or crops. This section shall not apply to the discharge of any air gun on any target, trap or skeet range or shooting area which has been inspected and approved, in writing, by the County Commissioners or their duly authorized agent. This section shall not apply to the discharge of any air gun by any person in a private basement or cellar target range.

D. Violations and penalties. Any person who is convicted of a violation of any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.).

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect Forty-Five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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ATTEST:

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Denise Ferguson, Clerk